

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
JOB OPPORTUNITY
Landscape Technician

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Open To: Public

Location: WCSU – Grounds Dept., Danbury, CT

Minimum Starting Salary: \$41,756 (TC-14)

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Job Posting No: 056286

Closing Date: Open until filled

Western Connecticut State University is accepting applications for Landscape Technician's. Will be accountable for independently performing a full range of landscaping tasks to beautify and maintain the visual appearance of the WCSU campuses

This class must perform the following duties: Operates and maintains large construction and landscaping equipment such as front end loader, backhoe, a boom/bucket truck, street sweeper truck, or trucks with a capacity of five (5) tons or greater; Installs, maintains and regulates irrigation systems; Will assist arborists with tree pruning or felling operations.

Works under the general supervision of a Maintenance Supervisor 1 (Grounds) or other employee of a higher grade; May lead lower level employees as assigned.

Prepares, installs and maintains decorative landscaping features to include flowers, plants, shrubs, ornamental grasses, trees, waterscapes, lighting and decorative and synthetic or natural materials in formal gardens, plant containers, borders and island beds; hauls materials, fills, grades and slopes work sites; pulls weeds, mulches, repairs drip lines, waters and fertilizes; installs and maintains turf by seeding or siding, repairing, mowing and fertilizing; clears brush, debris and leaves from lawns and catch basins; installs, maintains and regulates irrigation systems; installs and maintains recreational sports fields; operates and maintains various large and small power and construction equipment including bucket/boom truck, front loader, backhoes, bulldozers, forklifts, tractors, dump trucks of five (5) ton or greater capacity, plow and pickup trucks and trailers, street sweepers, leaf vacuums, wood chippers, mowers, leaf blowers, weed whackers and chain saws; maintains and repairs small gas engine power equipment and large equipment to include, but not limited to, oil and spark plug change, blade sharpening, tire change or repair, fluid change and battery replacement; uses and maintains various hand tools; assists with the set up and dismantling of, but not limited to, plantings, fences, chairs, tents, bleachers and tables for special events; installs and maintains fences, bollards and signage campus wide; installs, maintains and repairs asphalt pavement and other materials on travelled surfaces; performs pre-treatment and snow and ice removal; assists arborists with tree pruning or felling operations; maintains orderliness and efficiency of landscape work sheds and surrounding areas; removes trash and changes bins daily; may apply pesticides under direct supervision; may paint poles and other structures within the landscape; may travel to work at regional campuses; performs related duties as required.

Knowledge of various plants used in landscape features; knowledge of proper care of plants for sustainment; basic knowledge of turf grass management practices; some basic knowledge of pesticides and application methods and techniques; interpersonal skills; oral and written communications skills; ability to operate, maintain and repair hand tools; ability to operate, maintain and repair small gas engines; ability to operate maintain and repair large power equipment; ability to operate, maintain and repair heavy construction and commercial landscaping equipment and vehicles; ability to use personal protective equipment; ability to follow written and oral instructions; some ability to utilize computer software.

Two (2) years of experience in landscape maintenance including the operation, maintenance and repair of small and large power/motor equipment and heavy construction and/or commercial equipment and vehicles used in landscaping. One (1) year of the General Experience must include plant selection and installation, pruning, fertilization and seeding of turf grasses.

Substitution Allowed: For State Employees, two (2) years of landscaping experience at or above the level of Maintainer may be substituted for the General and Special Experience.

Incumbents in this class may be required to possess and retain appropriate current licenses, permits and/or certifications (Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) will be required at time of application); Incumbents in this class may be required to travel; Incumbents in this class must possess and retain a valid Motor Vehicle Operator's license, Incumbents in this class must be available to work as needed for emergency or snow removal duties.

Incumbents in this class must have adequate physical strength, stamina, physical agility and visual and auditory acuity, and must maintain such physical fitness as to be able to perform the duties of the class. A physical examination will be required.

Incumbents in this class may be required to lift moderate to heavy weights; may be exposed to extreme weather conditions, significant levels of dust and noise and risk of injury from equipment; Incumbents in this class may be required to use personal protective equipment.

Application Process: Prospective candidates must apply by the contact information for three (3) current professional references and a resume, as one (1) complete file (PDF or Word format only) and not via multiple attachments to: Ms. Peggy Boyle, Assistant Director of Human Resources – Recruitment. In subject line of email reference: Your Last Name – Landscape Technician. Email applications to: hrpositions@wcsu.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and continued until all positions are filled.

In accordance with CSU System policy, all candidates for employment at Western Connecticut State University are subject to a pre-employment background investigation, including criminal background check, federal sanctions, and reference checks. Selection for employment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the background investigation.

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The State of Connecticut is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and strongly encourages the applications of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities.